

November 29<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Dear Friends of the East Meadow,**

Thanks to all who have worked to protect it, the East Meadow is still undeveloped, a year and a half beyond its originally scheduled destruction. We can be grateful for this. But the struggle continues. Last August, a group from EMAC met with UCSC's new Chancellor Cynthia Larive and new acting Vice Chancellor Lori Kletzer. It was a cordial meeting. We felt our concerns were taken seriously, and that the administration might be open to a reconsideration of its plans for Student Housing West. It was also clear, however, that the presence of a lawsuit has been an important factor in keeping alternate possibilities alive.

Now, several months after that meeting, with no word from the administration, it seems clear that litigation is probably the only way to spare the meadow. We and our attorneys believe that we have a strong case that will prove the university violated California environmental law when it rushed to put prefab sprawl in the meadow. We are now preparing our legal brief, due in mid-January. The court date is scheduled for May 1, and we anticipate a ruling later that month.

The upcoming phase of the process will be costly, and we are therefore asking for your further support. The fight could have implications beyond the meadow itself. The university has been holding discussions on its new Long-Range Development Plan, to guide campus growth for the next twenty years. By continuing to hold the administration to account we help ensure that further development will adhere to environmental law and good planning principles.

Saving the East Meadow is a victory for the campus, for what makes UCSC special. Your support will be decisive.

With thanks,

**East Meadow Action Committee (EMAC)**

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